

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14 and 15 are amended for clarity. No new matter is introduced.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Yukiko (JP 06-266516). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that Yukiko discloses a device information storage section that stores . . . printing device specifications and a document definition file storage section for storing a document definition file representing a definition of a document, citing paragraph [0008]. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

As disclosed in Yukiko at paragraph [0005], the attribute for printer outputs is specified from a computer and a printer is selected based on the attribute for printer outputs. Thus, the attributes are not printing device specifications or document definition files but rather relates to the kind of printer output that is desired such as vertical printing (portrait), lateral printing (landscape) and paper size as listed in paragraph [0008].

The specification on page 9, lines 18-21, discloses that device information includes upper, lower, left and right margins, etc., and lines 12-16, that the document definition file defines formats of forms such as order sheets, for example. Yukiko's attributes do not include any of these types of information, but only print output characteristics. Thus, Yukiko does not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1, 6 and 11.

Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1, claims 7-10 depend from claim 6 and claims 12-15 depend from claim 11. Thus, Yukiko does not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1-15.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-15 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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